



State of New Hampshire
WATER WELL BOARD



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NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

January 13, 2017

A meeting of the New Hampshire Water Well Board ("Board") was held on January 13, 2017, in the Department of Environmental Services Building in room 114, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Present were: David Hunt, Chairman
Rene Pelletier, Secretary
Board Members: Peter Caswell, Kelly Dobrowolski, Frederick Chormann, and Steve Guercia
NHDES Staff: Richard Schofield

Mr. Hunt brought the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Legislation

The Board discussed House Bill 298 relative to the Mechanical Licensing Board. The bill makes several changes to definitions in RSA 153:27. Paragraph XIV amends the definition of plumbing to include maintenance, repair and replacement of existing water well pumps. Licensed plumbers are currently allowed to perform maintenance and repair on existing water well pumps under RSA 482-B, but not pump replacement.

In 2016, at the request of the Mechanical Board the Water Well Board had included an amendment in its proposed rules, which would have allowed a licensed plumber to replace an existing pump, like in kind, with certain agreed upon conditions. At its meeting on May 13, 2016 the Board withdrew the amendment, along with a large section on new licensing requirements, at the advice of the NHDES rules attorney, citing legislative authority concerns. The Board agreed to continue the dialog with the Mechanical Board after its current rulemaking was complete, and the amendment could be included in a separate rulemaking.

The Board considered what action it should take, if any, in response to House Bill 298. Following a discussion, which included input from members of the water well construction industry in attendance, the Board voted to oppose the bill and send a letter of testimony to the legislative committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Rene Pelletier
Water Well Board Secretary